



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

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H.R. 3248 **Lifespan Respite Care Act of 2005**

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Energy and Commerce
on September 20, 2006*

SUMMARY

H.R. 3248 would amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize the Secretary of Health and Human Services to award grants and enter into cooperative agreements with states to expand and enhance services for lifespan respite care. Lifespan respite care is a coordinated system of community-based services that provide temporary relief from caregiving obligations to family members who normally provide care to a relative with special needs.

CBO estimates that implementing the H.R. 3248 would cost \$9 million in fiscal year 2007 and \$191 million over the 2007-2011 period, assuming appropriation of the specified amounts. Enacting H.R. 3248 would not affect direct spending or revenues.

H.R. 3248 contains no private-sector or intergovernmental mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA).

ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

The estimated budgetary impact of H.R. 3248 is shown in the following table. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 550 (health).

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars				
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION					
Estimated Authorization Level	30	40	53	71	95
Estimated Outlays	9	25	39	54	64

BASIS OF ESTIMATE

H.R. 3248 would amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize the Secretary of Health and Human Services to make grants to states to expand the availability of respite care to caregivers, recruit and train individuals who provide respite care, and disseminate information about the availability of respite care services.

The bill also would direct the Secretary to award grants or enter into cooperative agreements with public or private nonprofit entities to establish the National Resource Center on Lifespan Respite Care. The National Resource Center would maintain a national database on lifespan respite care, provide training and technical assistance to state, community, and nonprofit programs involving respite care, and provide referral and educational programs to the public on respite care.

The bill would authorize the appropriation of \$30 million for fiscal year 2007 and \$289 million over the 2007-2011 period. Based on historical patterns of spending for similar activities, CBO estimates that implementing the bill would cost \$9 million in the fiscal year 2007 and \$191 million over the 2007-2011 period, assuming the appropriation of the specified amounts.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT

H.R. 3248 contains no private-sector or intergovernmental mandates as defined in UMRA. State governments would benefit from grant funding authorized by the bill as long as they agree to provide a 25 percent match, either in cash or in kind. Any costs incurred by states to qualify for such grants would be incurred voluntarily as conditions of federal assistance.

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